USER MANUAL

HipHop™ 50

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

DEAR CUSTOMER
We would like to thank you for purchasing a VELA Hip Hop. We are sure that it will continue to give you pleasure well into the future. The directions for use contain useful information about positioning, operating, maintenance and technical data, etc.

This user manual applies to the VELA Hip Hop 50.

IMPORTANT
Please read this user manual thoroughly and keep it in a safe place for later use. It must always be available to the user. This user manual must always accompany the chair.

The user manual can also be found on VELA's website: **www.vela.eu**

If you have any questions, please contact VELA's distributor in your country.
You can also find information about the VELA Hip Hop range on VELA's website: **www.vela.eu**

VELA reserves the right to make changes to this manual.

NOTE: We recommend that users of belts should be supervised when the belts are used.

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1.1 SAFETY

This chair bears the CE mark and conforms to all applicable EU rules. The chair is manufactured by VELA, Vermund Larsen A/S, Goeteborgvej 12, 9200 Aalborg SV, Denmark.

The VELA Hip Hop is a Class A chair designed for chair-bound, moderately disabled children.

1.1.1 GUARANTEE

VELA provides guarantee in accordance with the Sale of Goods Act. The guarantee only applies when using original spare parts and accessories, as well as only to adjustments carried out by authorised service technicians.

VELA does not accept responsibility for damage or injury to the product or user, which have arisen due to:

- Transportation
- Misuse
- General wear and tear
- Erroneous use
- Use of non-original spare parts and accessories
- Adjustments carried out by unauthorised service technicians

1.1.2 UNPACKING THE CHAIR

The VELA Hip Hop is supplied in cardboard packaging, which is developed taking into consideration the environment and user-friendliness.

If there are parts missing or transport damage to the chair, please contact VELA immediately. You must not try to repair any damage yourself or use the chair.

The box in which the chair is delivered must contain:

- 1 chair
- This user manual
- E.g. accessories
- Tools

Ensure the removable parts are regularly tightened by an adult.

1.2 MAINTENANCE OF THE VELA HIP HOP

We recommend your VELA Hip Hop undergoes an annual service to find, for example, defective and worn parts. Furthermore, it is important to see whether the child has grown and therefore need a larger model or modification of any accessories. Ensure the removable parts are regularly tightened by an adult.

1.2.1 WHEELS

It is recommended that the wheels be checked at regular intervals to remove possible thread remnants, etc.

1.2.2 FRAME

Wash with lukewarm water, possibly with a little PH neutral dishwashing liquid added.

1.2.3 UPHOLSTERY

As a standard, the upholstery is micro fibre, which is very resistant to soiling.
A purchased incontinence cover can be washed in the washing machine on the wool cycle.

STAIN REMOVAL

A golden rule: Always remove the stain as quickly as possible.
Always use a clean, white cotton cloth and use only small amounts of cleaning agent at a time.

1.3 GENERAL GUIDELINES

To use the VELA Hip Hop correctly, please observe the following:

1.3.1 TRANSPORT

During transportation of the VELA Hip Hop, always remember to lock the chair. The chair must not be occupied during transport.

1.3.2 STABILITY AND BALANCE

The VELA Hip Hop is designed as an everyday chair to use at school or at home. It is intended for sedentary work and not as a wheelchair. All movement in the VELA Hip Hop have an impact on the placement of the centre of gravity. To increase the safety, we recommend:

- Maximum user weight is 132 lbs.; however the activity level is a significant factor.
  A person with very forceful movements using the chair should contact a sales consultant from VELA before purchase
- The height of the user: max. 57 inches.
- Do not stand on the chair
- Do not stand on the footplate. It is only intended for getting on and off
- The chair is not intended as a wheelchair
- During transportation, the chair should always be locked

1.3.3 RECYCLING

Some of the chair's material can be recycled. Deliver the chair to VELA's distributor or your local recycling installation.

1.4. VELA HIP HOP 50

All handles should be pushed up, never down.

1.4.1. HEIGHT ADJUSTMENT

The height of the VELA Hip Hop can be adjusted using the gas springs. This is done by pulling the small lever marked with VELA.

1.4.2. BACK-REST ANGLE AND HEIGHT

The back-rest is angled with the help of two control levers fitted to the back. Both levers must be loosened in order to alter the angle of the back. Remember to tighten the levers afterwards.

These levers are also used to adjust the height of the back-rest.

Adjustment must always be done by an adult to ensure that the chair is safe to use.

1.4.3. BRAKE FUNCTION

The VELA Hip Hop has central brakes, which are activated with the help of the hand-brake to the right or left of the child.

The brake can easily be changed to the other side if requested. Just loosen the lever and turn the outer tubing to the requested height. (It is impsortant to place it in a groove again).

The hand-brake is pushed forwards in order to lock the wheels and backwards to unlock.

Please note, that the chair rools very easily, when it the brake is not locked and the user not are sitting in the chair.

1.4.4. ARM RESTS

The height as well as the width of the arm rests can be adjusted. The height is adjusted by loosening the screw with the accompanying key. Remember to tighten them well again.

The width is set under the seat in the accessory groove by loosening the two screws and adjusting the metal rail which holds the arm rest. Remember to tighten the screws again with the accompanying tool.

1.4.5. SEAT DEPTH

The depth of the seat can be adjusted with the help of the control levers placed under the rear edge of the seat, on the right side as well as on the left. Both levers must be loosened in order to adjust the placement of the back-rest. Remember to tighten the lever afterwards.

1.4.6. ACCESSORIES

As a standard, accessories are already fitted when delivered.

NOTE: We recommend that users of belts should be supervised when the belts are used.

RE-FITTING OF ACCESSORIES:

- Side supports
- Braces and vest
- Thigh restraints

The two grooves can be re-fitted on each side of the base of the seat. The grooves are fitted using the following accessories:

FOOT AND ANKLE RESTRAINTS

These are re-fitted by placing the tape through the holes in the foot plate.

BODY SUPPORTS

Body supports are fixed into the back-rest like the neck support.

KNEE RESTRAINTS

Knee restraints are fitted by screwing them onto the fixture on the seat.

TABLE

The table is fixed onto the fixture on the arm rest.

PUSHING YOKE

The pushing yoke is an extra accessory.

FOOT SUPPORT

The foot support is an extra accessory for the VELA Hip Hop 100 series. The height of the foot plate can be adjusted by loosening the control lever, which is behind the foot plate. Remember to tighten it well afterwards.

1.5. Technical information

Seat:

- Cover: polyester
- Plastic parts: PA6-GF

Frame:

- Powder coated steel

	VELA Hip Hop 50
Sitting height	14,9 -18,9 inches (3,9 inches gasspring) 16,9-22,8 inches (5,9 inches gasspring) Interval settings:3,9 inches.
Seat size	(E2) 12,5 x 13,7 (E3) 14,1 x 16,9, (E4) 15,7 x 18,5 inches
Seat depth	(E2) 11,8-13,7 (E3) 13,7-16,9, (E4) 15,3-18,5 inches
Back	(E2) 10,2(w) x 10,2, (E3) 11,0 (w) x 13,7 inches
Armrest	7,8 x 2,3 inches
Armrest height	3,9 - 8,6 inches
Armrest spacing	10,2-13,3, 11,8-14,9, 13,3-14,9 inches
Back angle	+/- 20°
Frame	20,8 x 21,6 inches
Weight	41 lbs.
Max. load	132 lbs.